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**CITY OF SAN DIEGO OBTAINS TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER AGAINST LOCAL GANG**

*Code Enforcement Unit Seeks to Declare Gang Members a Public Nuisance to Fight Gang-Related Crime*

**San Diego, CA (November 19, 1998)** -- A San Diego Superior Court judge has issued a temporary restraining order against twenty-three documented gang members, who are members of or associates with the Lincoln Park gang. The Honorable J. Michael Bollman issued and signed the order today in a case filed by the City Attorney's Code Enforcement Unit against the Lincoln Park gang and twenty-three of its members and associates. This is the first time the City of San Diego has used gang injunctions to fight gang-related crime.

Deputy City Attorney Makini Hammond filed the action against the Lincoln Park gang under California's public nuisance abatement laws following an extensive documentation process lead by San Diego Police Gang Detective Janet Polk and involving other police detectives and officers. This documentation found that Lincoln Park gang members have occupied, used, and permitted the use of the Lincoln Park community, bordered by 45th Street to the west, Magnus Way to the south, Euclid Avenue to the east, and Imperial Avenue to the north, in a manner constituting a public nuisance. The gang members congregate on the sidewalks and streets at certain locations attracting violence into the community. The documentation also found that the gang members are regularly involved in criminal activities, including drive-by shootings, drug sales, rapes, assault and battery, robberies, graffiti, theft, and murder.

Today's order restrains the gang members from associating with other known, Lincoln Park gang members in public or public view; from possessing or using dangerous weapons; from using and selling drugs; from possessing or using spray paint or other devices used for graffiti; from trespassing on private property; from wearing gang colors or clothing; and from being in or around 14 designated locations. Violation of the court order is punishable by contempt of court.

"We are committed to working with our local law enforcement officers and community members to serve and protect the people of San Diego," City Attorney Casey Gwinn said. "The use of gang injunctions is a proactive way to address and prevent the problem of gang violence and gang-related crime in our communities."

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